

In claim 2, first line of clause (c), please replace "clamping device" with -- clamp --.

In claim 2, second line of clause (c), please delete "for clamping".

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are now pending. Applicant has amended claims 1 and 2 and the specification for clarification.

Applicant is submitting herewith a copy of a PTO Form 1449 (4 sheets) listing references for the Examiner's consideration. Applicant recently provided the Examiner this Form and copies of the listed references in a parallel case, Serial No. 08/879,475. Applicant is also submitting a copy of another PTO Form 1449 (1 sheet) listing an additional reference(s) for the Examiner's consideration. Applicant provided this second Form and copies of the listed references in the parent case, Serial No. 08/415,075. If the Examiner would like Applicant to submit additional copies of any of these references for the present case, Applicant will do so upon the Examiner's request.

Applicant believes claims 1-5 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner disagrees or if any issues remain unresolved, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at (312) 707-8889.

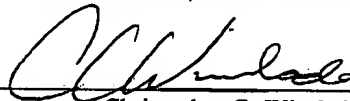
A Notice of Allowability is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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